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FOR KATZ (EB) FROM HARTMAN

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SUBJ: NATOMIN: IEA CHAIRMANSHIP

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AS YOUR REQUESTED, I TALKED TO DAVIGNON. HE CONFIRMED THAT HE COULD NOT EXPECT TO CONTINUE IN HIS IEA FUNCTION FOR MORE THAN A FEW WEEKS AFTER HE ASSUMES HIS NEW OFFICE IN JANUARY. HE FEELS THAT A STRONG, ACTIVE CHAIRMAN IS NECESSARY TO FINISH THE PROGRAM BY JUNE OR JULY. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH A FORCE, HE IS AFRAID THE SECRETARIAT WILL TAKE OVER AND THE GOVERNING BOARD WILL SOON BECOME A GROUP OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL NOT SUPPLY THE REQUIRED POLITICAL WILL TO FINISH THE PROGRAM TASK BY SUMMER. IN LIGHT OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, HE FEELS THAT A LESS THAN ALMOST FULL TIME CHAIRMAN WOULD BE A MISTAKE. FOR EXAMPLE, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT TOWE (CANADA) WOULD OR COULD SPEND ENOUGH TIME IN EUROPE. SINCE A NEW OUTSIDER COULD NOT MASTER THE SUBJECT QUICKLY ENOUGH, HE, THEREFORE, FAVORS IN THIS ORDER: RAMPTON (UK) AND ROHWEDDER (FRG). HE BELIEVES THAT THE FORMER IS THE STRONGEST BUT THAT THE LATTER IS WELL QUALIFIED AND THE FACT THAT HE AND LANSKE ARE THE SAME NATIONALITY DOES NOT BOTHER HIM. KISSINGER

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